GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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HOUSING SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/released under various Central Rural Housing Schemes during the last two years and till date, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether the funds allocated for these schemes have been utilised within the stipulated time by the State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof as well as the achievements made so far, State-wise;

(d) whether shelterless were aimed to be provided with shelter by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan;

(e) whether only 50.34 lakh houses were constructed/upgraded as on March, 2002 against the target of 109.53 lakh housing units;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) the details of the funds misutilised or expenditure incurred in excess of the approved norms during the said period, State-wise; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (h) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Statement as referred to in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 110 due to be answered on 9.12.2003.

(a) to (c) The State-wise details of funds allocated/released, utilised and number of houses constructed / upgraded under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the flagship programme of rural housing and other Rural Housing schemes of the Ministryduring the years 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 till date are annexed.

(d) to (f) In pursuance to the national Housing policy announced in 1998, a special Action Plan was prepared for construction of additional 13 lakh new houses annually in the rural areas in addition to the existing target of about 12.50 lakh houses annually with an emphasis on extending benefits to the poor and the deprived.

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) in its Report No. 3 of 2003 has indicatedthat against the target of 109.53 lakh housing units, only 50.34 lakh houses were constructed or upgraded as on March, 2002 under various Rural Housing Schemes. However, as per the information available with this Ministry, around 52.38 lakh houses were constructed / upgraded in rural areas under various rural housing schemes of the Ministry and through the efforts of Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) and National Housing Bank (NHB).One of the major constraints in implementation of the Action Plan is inadequate budgetary resources. As a result, shelterlessness in rural areas by the end of 9th Plan could not be achieved in full.

(g) The C&AG has also reported that funds amouting to Rs. 1.83 crore were misutilized / misappropriation in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Manipur, Mizoram and West Bengal.Also excess expenditure aggregating to Rs. 4.04 crore was incurred beyond norms on construction / upgradation of houses during the said period as per details given below :

(Rs. in crore)

States	Misappropriation/ Misutilization of funds	Excess expenditure	Total Amount

Andhra Pradesh	0.56	0.56	
Assam	1.36	1.36	
Chhattisgarh	0.97	0.97	
Gujarat	0.70	0.70	
Karnataka	0.02	0.02	
Manipur	0.39	0.39	
Mizoram	0.25	0.25	
Himachal Pradesh	0.18	0.18	
Orissa	0.23	0.23	
Tamil Nadu	0.19	0.19	
Tripura	0.22	0.22	
West Bengal	0.61	0.19	0.80
Total	1.83	4.04	5.87

The State Governments concerned have been requested to take the remedial measures.

(h) The Government is trying to provide assistance for construction / upgradation of as many houses as possible in rural areas within the available budgetary resources.